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In re Patent Application of:
Curtis et al.

Application No.: 09/993,639

Art Unit: 2142

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Examiner: J. D. Cardone

For: COLLABORATIVE OBJECT
ARCHITECTURE**DECLARATION OF PRIOR INVENTION**
(37 CFR 1.131)


1. We, Pavel Curtis, Michael D. Dixon, and David A. Nichols, are inventors of the invention described in U.S. Patent Application No. 09/993,639, entitled "COLLABORATIVE OBJECT ARCHITECTURE," filed on November 27, 2001 ("pending application"), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/096,101, (now U.S. Patent No. 6,338,086), entitled "COLLABORATIVE OBJECT ARCHITECTURE," filed on June 11, 1998 ("parent application").

2. We conceived of the invention that is currently claimed in the pending application prior to May 22, 1998.

3. On May 15, 1998, we received a first draft of the specification and drawings of the parent application that was prepared by patent counsel. The first draft was prepared by patent counsel based on discussions with us and documents provided by us. The first draft was substantially the same as the specification of the parent application and described the invention now being claimed in the pending application. We provided comments to patent counsel on the first draft and received a second draft from patent counsel on May 26, 1998. We then provided comments to patent counsel on the second draft and received a third draft on June 1, 1998 and a subsequent draft on June 4, 1998. The specification and drawings were then filed on June 11, 1998 as the parent application. The Appendix of this declaration contains cover sheets for the drafts of the specification and drawings that were transmitted by patent counsel to us.

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